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SENT DEPARTMENT 2300, REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON 496, BONN
212, BERLIN 60, MOSCOW 124SUBJECT: REPLIES TO SOVIET NOTE OF NOVEMBER 27QUADRIPARTITE WORKING GROUP HAS AGREED TO FORWARD TO
GOVERNMENTS FOLLOWING DRAFTS:

1. US REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE (TEXT BY SEPARATE CABLE).
2. BRITISH REPLY. FIRST PART BRITISH TEXT CONTAINS
REFUTATION SOVIET PROPAGANDA CHARGES. THIS PART WAS NOT
REVIEWED IN DETAIL BY WORKING GROUP BUT ON FIRST READING
APPEARS SATISFACTORY. SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF BRITISH
REPLY WILL BE SAME AS US REPLY (BEGINNING WITH NUMBERED
PARAGRAPH 3 OF US REPLY) WITH SUBSTITUTION "HMG" FOR
"GOVERNMENT." BRITISH HOPE TO BE ABLE CLEAR TEXT WITH
SELWYN LLOYD BY MONDAY DEC 22 AND MACMILLAN SHORTLY
THEREAFTER.
3. FRENCH REPLY. FRENCH TEXT IS SIMILAR IN SUBSTANCE
AND TONE TO OPERATIVE PORTION US-UK REPLIES, ALTHOUGH
LANGUAGE IS NOT ALWAYS IDENTICAL EXCEPT IN KEY FINAL
PARAGRAPHS. FRENCH ARE SOMEWHAT APPREHENSIVE THAT THIS
MIGHT GIVE RISE TO SPECULATION IN WESTERN PRESS THAT
FRENCH POSITION DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF US-UK, ALTHOUGH
THEY ARE NOT INCLINED TO BE OVERLY CONCERNED ON THIS
POINT. FRENCH HOPE OBTAIN COUVE'S DECISION IN THIS REGARD
OVER WEEKEND.

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4. FEDREP REPLY. SUBSTANTIVE PART GERMAN REPLY CONTAINED PARAGRAPHS REFERRING TO PREPARATIONS FOR PEACE TREATY WHICH APPARED UNACCEPTABLE TO US-UK-FRANCE, AND AFTER DISCUSSION GERMANS PRODUCED NEW TEXT OF DISPUTED PASSAGES. FURTHER DETAILS AND TEXTS OF CONTROVERSIAL PARAGRAPHS CONTAINED IN SEPARATE CABLE.

5. TEXTS ALL REPLIES BEING HAND-CARRIED WASHINGTON SO AS TO BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING OF BUSINESS MONDAY DEC 22.

6. ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT REARRANGED AND MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES INTRODUCED, TEXT OF US REPLY SUBSTANTIALLY SAME AS THAT SEEN BY SECRETARY DEC 18.

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